

Report of Mrs. Timko on the Hungarian Quarter

On Saturday, September 25th, around eight o'clock in the evening, I had supper at a Hungarian restaurant on French Street. While in there four men came in and, during their meal, one of the party said to another, "How much money have you got with you?". The answer was, "About \$1,000.00. How much have you?". The first man said, "About \$400.00." A little later the same man said, "Well, are they coming?", and the second man replied, "Yes, he is coming to town with his wife and will drop her off. He is coming in the car." Heard no more of their conversation but about half an hour later they walked out, and I followed them. They walked directly across the street into a cigar and candy store at 91 French Street.

I was hanging around there and in about an hour I noticed a great many men were congregating both inside and outside of the store, talking on general subjects of the day and business. This seemed to be a very familiar center and a great many automobiles were arriving. I then thought it would be necessary for me to change my clothes, so went home and dressed up as one of the Hungarian women of the neighborhood, in order not to be conspicuous, and sat on a stoop next to the store.

At intervals discussions would come up about the Hall-Mills case, and the decision of the Supreme Court and Mr. Simpson losing out for a foreign jury. Some of the men were very much interested in the Hall side to the extent that justice be done, as any respectable citizen. A great many were prejudiced against the Hall side. From time to time some of these men would go into the store and others would come out and join the group and the subject would be brought up again. Around eleven o'clock a group of men that had been hanging around for some time, with a new member who had joined them, started a conversation about the Hall case. The newcomer said, "What do you think about Hamborzkry?" The group answered in chorus, "Oh, he's all right, he will be taken care of. He is a good witness." The newcomer said, "He is doing fine, making money in real estate in Astoria. When was he last here?" One of the group answered, "A couple of days ago. He has been kept busy with this special investigation." Another of the group said, "Well, you know he is a highly educated man, it is too bad he drinks so heavily. He would be a rich man and make a lot of money in America." Still another said, "Well, you see he has been a good friend to Hall and you know many times we enjoyed ourselves when he brought Hall down here. Hall was quite a sport. The next thing I heard was someone of the